

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced the availability of funding for the Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program. Museum Grants for African American History and Culture are intended to enhance institutional capacity and sustainability through professional training, technical assistance, internships, outside expertise and other tools. Successful proposals will focus on one or more of the following three goals: (1) developing or strengthening knowledge, skills, and other expertise of current staff at African American museums; (2) attracting and retaining professionals with the skills needed to strengthen African American museums; and (3) attracting new staff to African American museum practice and providing them with the expertise needed to sustain them in the museum field. **The application deadline is January 15, 2013.** Eligible applicants include museums whose primary purpose is African American life, art, history and/or culture, encompassing: the period of slavery; the era of Reconstruction; the Harlem renaissance; the civil rights movement; and other periods of the African American diaspora. Nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to support museums identified above may also apply. Historically Black Colleges or Universities are also eligible. To request an application package, visit www.grants.gov. For further information, contact Mark Isaksen, Senior Program Officer at 202-653-4667 or misaksen@imls.gov.